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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN CABINET APPROVES AMCHAM BAHRAIN

On May 23 the cabinet, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa, approved a proposal by Minister of Commerce Ali Saleh al Saleh to establish an American Chamber of Commerce in Bahrain. Ambassador congratulated the Minister May 24, adding that it was a real victory having the AmCham under the purview of the Ministry of Commerce rather than the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. EmbOffs have discussed next steps with the founding committee, who are planning a membership drive in advance of board membership selection.  
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